

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2012
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:23PM
Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to ***The Record*** and the ***Ridgewood News***, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Councilman Freeman-absent
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Brophy
All in favor.

Proclamation presented by Mayor Kelly to 17U Summer Softball Travel Team Champions
Proclamation presented by Mayor Kelly to 10U Summer Softball Travel Team Champions

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the October 2, 2012 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Hayes
Second: Councilman Brophy
Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Brophy-abstained

Administrator's Report

The Municipal Clerk must certify the Best Practices Inventory to the State tomorrow following discussion at tonight's meeting. Every town must submit this questionnaire. A positive response of 41-50 of the questions results in 100% of State Aid for the Borough. This year we are eligible for 100% of State Aid as a result of our responses. Three questions were not applicable, six were "no" answers, and forty-one were "yes" answers. A number of "no" answers require expending money.

The Joint Insurance Fund is offering training for emergency responders relative to driving to emergency incidents. According to insurance statistics 90% of all emergencies involving emergency responders are current intersections.

A short film is scheduled to be filmed in town November 2nd and 3rd. Permits will be issued after the proper fees are submitted.

Mr. Perkins will be attending a North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority meeting October 25th at the Bergen County administration building. He is most interested information on lessening the number of trains, the length of the trains and the whistles.

The rededication of the Caspare Pavilion is scheduled for October 27th. The improvements are a result of an Eagle Scout project.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Shade Tree Commission

A permit process has been discussed in order to determine whether a tree is a town tree or private tree.

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilman Hayes

Rent Leveling Board

Meetings for 2013 were approved and a resolution to advertise for RFQ's for professionals for 2013 was adopted at the last meeting.

The Consumer Price Index average is 2.3%, the allowable increase for rental properties.

There was also discussion at the meeting concerning parking at Dulles Drive and whether the rent would increase as a result. Mr. Cavadias will give Councilman Hayes a copy of the resolution from the Joint Land Use Board.

Fire Department

Mr. Cavadias conducted a Fire Prevention demonstration for school children.

Chief Spina is working on the Fire Department 2013 budget.

Joint Land Use Board

There was no meeting held due to lack of agenda.

There is a continuous problem with parking at St. Mary's.

- Councilman Stylianou

Recreation

There was a spirited debate at the last meeting about the oversight maintenance of the recreation huts.

Library

It was reported at the last meeting that the fence bordering the property is an eyesore. Mr. Cavadias will look into it.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

The Halloween parade is scheduled at D'Angelo Farms on October 27th at 3PM.

Chamber of Commerce

Congratulations on a very successful street fair.

Senior Citizens

There will be a Halloween party October 31st from 1-4PM.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly thanked the residents for their patience during the current flood control project. It looks like the construction part of the project will be done by December. Planting will be done in the Spring.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#12-210 Approval of Elected Officials Annual Course Attendance Requirement (previously tabled-revised) *

#12-221 Authorization of Certification of the CY 2012 Best Practice Inventory *

#12-222 Approval of Ambulance LOSAP Contributions-\$6,600 *

#12-223 Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for RFQ's for Professionals for 2013 *

#12-224 Approval of Selzer School PTO Off-premise Cash Raffle Application-Drawing to be held November 17, 2012; ID#109-5-37089; RL#373 *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, said it was his understanding that the Best Practice was to be submitted by the 28th and asked for clarification of the certification. Will it be posted online?

The Municipal Clerk replied that the questionnaire was submitted by the deadline. It will be posted on the Borough website.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Hayes

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Non-Consent Agenda Resolutions

#12-219 Bills List

#12-220 Authorization of Execution of 2011 Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Matching Grant for West Shore Avenue Walking Path/Gazebo-\$65,000 matching

Councilman Hayes does not feel it's a good idea to spend \$65,000 at this time. He was concerned about safety factors. He also had reservations about the gazebo cost and maintenance.

Mr. Perkins explained that right now there is a safety issue because there is no walkway.

Councilman Brophy respects Councilman Hayes stance on taking a hard line on spending but he feels that this project is very beneficial to the town. The fact that it is by the railroad tracks is a benefit because it improves the beautification of that area.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked whether the gazebo is still included in the scope of the project. He objects to putting up a structure that requires maintenance. He would like the Council to reconsider the scope to not include the gazebo.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes asked if this resolution could be tabled.

Motion to adopt Resolution #12-220: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes-no

Resolution #210-Bill List

Councilman Stylianou explained that he appears on the bills list for \$235 for reimbursement for payment to umpires. Therefore, he will abstain from voting.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt #210: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Stylianou-abstained.

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Carrie Ann Wilkins, 8 Gurney Court, asked what can be done about the Borough's rat problem in the White Beeches area. She said there is an abandoned property.

It was explained that the Borough can't go on private property. It would then be a liability if a child or pet gets sick. There is a letter going out to residents. Rats also tend to migrate to railroad tracks. CSX will not bait the tracks.

2. Bernadette Maddolin, 74 Cypress Road, rats are burrowing in mulch at Berkley Park.
3. Julie Masella, 151 Bedford Road, is a teacher at Selzer School and will no longer take students to the park.
4. Doreen Santana, 76 Oneida, has been dealing with this problem since 2010. There is an abandoned lot on Oneida.

Councilman Stylianou feels more has to be done to help the residents.

Councilwoman Zamechansky would like it on the record that she received correspondence from the Borough sanitarian and this is the first she's heard of the issue.

Councilman Hayes stated that the garbage trucks should be checked to be sure they are emptied when they come into town.

5. Cary Stopsky, 48 E. Quackenbush, stated that during the second rain that we just had he got water in his garage. He received an email that his wall is sufficient. He said the angle of the wall now is lower than it was.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk